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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN COOPERATION: TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

FOR BLOOM

1. AS EMBASSY AWARE, REPORT OF BINATIONAL REVIEW PANEL
IDENTIFIED TWO AREAS WITHIN TRANSPORTATION SECTOR AS HAVING
POTENTIAL FOR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY: (A) ALTERNATE ENERGY
FOR TRANSPORTATION AND (B) TRANSPORTATION OF FUEL AND
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ENERGY FROM SOURCE TO POINT OF CONSUMPTION. RECENTLY

DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL WROTE SECRETARY COLEMAN TO ENLIST DOT SUPPORT FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO THE PANEL REPORT, AND IN HIS REPLY (CORRESPONDENCE COPIES POUCHED TO

BLOOM) COLEMAN INDICATED DOT INTEREST IN BOTH FIELDS AND READINESS SEND TEAM OF SPECIALISTS TO JAPAN THIS SPRING TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC COOPERATIVE OPPORTUNITIES. SUCH A TEAM VISIT WOULD BE COORDINATED WITH FEA AND ERDA AND MIGHT INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THESE AGENCIES.

2. RE AREA (A): EMBASSY REQUESTED ASCERTAIN SPECIFIC GOJ INTERESTS THIS AREA, FOLLOWING WHICH DEPARTMENT WILL

COORDINATE APPROPRIATE US FOLLOW-UP. IN ADDITION TO RECENT ERDA PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE IN LOW-POLLUTION ENERGY-EFFICIENT AUTO ENGINES THERE MAY BE AREAS FOR WHICH DOT SHOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY.

3. AREA (B) IS ONE IN WHICH DOT HAS A NUMBER OF HIGH PRIORITY CONCERNS INCLUDING MOVEMENT OF COAL AND OIL BY RAIL, AND DEVELOPMENT OF OFFSHORE DEEPWATER (OIL) PORTS. SPECIFIC DOT AREAS OF CONCERN ARE INLAND COAL MOVEMENTS BY RAILROAD, AND ROLE OF UNIT-TRAINS AND OTHER MASS MOVEMENT TECHNOLOGIES IN COAL AND OIL TRANSPORTATION. ONE AREA OF CLEAR MUTUAL INTEREST IN COAL TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE MOVEMENTS OF US BITUMINOUS COAL TO JAPAN, AND REDUCTIONS IN SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS COSTS WHICH COULD BENEFIT BOTH COUNTRIES. (A 1975 WASHINGTON VISIT BY JNR OFFICIALS WAS DEVOTED ALMOST ENTIRELY TO UNIT TRAIN DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATIONS.) RECENT LEGISLATION HAS GIVEN DOT AUTHORITY TO REGULATE DEEPWATER PORTS, AND AN OFFICE OF DEEPWATER PORTS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITHIN DOT'S OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. THIS OFFICE HAS STRONG INTEREST IN EXPLORING COOPERATIVE OPPORTUNITIES ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS.

4. SUBJECT TO GOJ/MOT/JNR REACTION TO ABOVE, DOT WOULD HOPE TO SCHEDULE TEAM VISIT FOR WEEK OF APRIL 26. AREA (A) COVERAGE BY DOT AND DECISIONS ON ERDA/FEA PARTICIPATION UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICIPATION IN TEAM VISIT WILL DEPEND IN PART ON RESPONSE RECEIVED TO PARA. 2 ABOVE. ON AREA (B) DOT WOULD PLAN TO INCLUDE IN TEAM 2-3 SPECIALISTS FROM FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, A SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM DEEPWATER PORTS OFFICE AND POSSIBLY ONE OFFICIAL FROM TRANSPORTATION ENERGY POLICY OFFICE. IN ADDITION, AN OFFICIAL FROM DOT OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS WOULD PARTICIPATE, AND WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS WITH

MOT PLANNING FOR 9TH US-JAPAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH
PANEL TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO MEET THIS SEPTEMBER IN
WASHINGTON. INGERSOLL

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